From: Steven Birkholz < stevewbirk@earthlink.net>

Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2010 12:14 PM

**To:** Metals Hearing <metalshearing@CFTC.gov>

**Subject:** silver position limits

Dear mr. Chilton,

I am a retired individual that manages my own investments. I am writing to request that position limits on the metals markets be established and enforced without the current practice of granting exemptions. I feel this is vital to an open and honest market. I have followed the CFTC hearing on the web and was impressed with the testimony. Please continue the good work.

Sincerely

Steven Birkholz